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FM AMEMBASSY MANAMA BAHRAIN  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4345  
INFO AMEMBASSY LUXEMBOURG LUXEMBOURG  
AMEMBASSY REYKJAVIK ICELAND

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EAIR, IC, BA, LU  
SUBJECT: CIVAIR: ICELANDIC BAHRAIN SERVICE

REF: (A) REYKJAVIK 110 (B) STATE 009374

1. EMBASSY WAS VISITED MARCH 8 BY ICELANDIC DIRECTOR AAKRANN. HE STATED THAT THE GOB IS READY TO OKAY THE PROPOSED ICELANDIC SERVICE TO BAHRAIN EXCEPT THAT IT NEEDS REASSURANCE THAT THE USG DOES NOT "OPPOSE" THE SERVICE. AAKRANN REQUESTED THAT EMBASSY INFORM GOB THAT THE USG DOES NOT OPPOSE ICELANDIC'S PROPOSAL.

2. EMBOFF NOTED THAT IT WAS NOT TRUE THAT USG HAD CONVEYED ITS "OPPOSITION" TO THE SERVICE, BUT IT WAS TRUE THAT THE USG DID EXPECT CONSULTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS WITH ICELANDIC OFFICIALS. EMBOFF INQUIRED IF CONSULTATIONS HAD TAKEN PLACE IN EITHER REYKJAVIK OR WASHINGTON. AAKRANN REPLIED THAT THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF ICELANDIC HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY EMBASSY REYKJAVIK IN JANUARY TO ASK ABOUT CONSULTATIONS AND THAT ICELANDIC OFFICIAL HAD STATED THERE NO NEED FOR SUCH SINCE FLIGHT WAS REKJAVIK/LUXEMBOURG/BAHRAIN AND NOT CHICAGO/BAHRAIN AS APPARENTLY THOUGHT BY USG (AS PER ARGUMENTS CONTAINED REF A).

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3. EMBOFF CONVEYED MESSAGE CONTAINED REF B TO AAKRANN THAT EITHER REYKJAVIK OR WASHINGTON WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE VENUE FOR DISCUSSION OF THIS QUESTION THAN EMBASSY MANAMA. HE SEEMED TO ACCEPT THIS POINT BUT PRESSED WITH REQUEST THAT EMBASSY REQUEST GUIDANCE FROM DEPARTMENT ON APPARENT GOB NEED FOR SOME EMBASSY REASSURANCE THAT USG IS NOT "OPPOSED" TO ICELANDIC

SERVICE. EMBOFF AGREED TO ASK FOR DEPT. COMMENT AS TO WHAT, IF ANYTHING, EMBASSY MANAMA COULD CONVEY TO THE GOB ABOUT THE USG'S VIEWS ON THE ISSUE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S GUIDANCE ON MATTER. IF THERE ARE STILL OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS REMAINING TO BE SETTLED TO OUR SATISFACTION, REQUEST WE BE AUTHORIZED TO INFORM AAKRANN THAT HE OR OTHER ICELANDIC OFFICIALS SHOULD CONSULT WITH APPROPRIATE USG OFFICIALS IN REYKJAVIK AND/OR WASHINGTON. IN THE MEANTIME, IS THERE ANYTHING WE CAN PASS TO GOB AUTHORITIES ABOUT THE ATTITUDE OF THE USG TOWARD THE ICELANDIC PROPOSAL?

5. COMMENT: IT IS POSSIBLE GOB IS USING OUR ALLEGED OPPOSITION AS DEVICE FOR NOT DOING WHAT THEY ARE DISINCLINED TO DO IN ANY CASE.

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